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Serial No.: 10 010,496	Filing Date: November 13. Group Art Unit: 1661

2001___ Kent L. Bell Examiner: Invention: Begonia Plant Named 'Fuga'

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- Small Entity Status is has been asserted for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.
 - A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.
- No additional claim fee is required.
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BEGONIA PLANT NAMED

'FUGA'

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 19, 2002, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

At page 3, line 8, please insert --apex -- after "obovate".

REMARKS

Claim 1 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation by The Netherlands Plant Breeder's Rights Application No. BGN0281 (published January 16, 2000) in view of a sale of a plant named 'Fuga' in the Netherlands on November 1, 2000. Applicant traverses these rejections for the following reasons.

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